(i) Setting up of more centres of excellence/advanced studies in the universities and academic institutions.

(ii) Creation of core groups of professionals with necessary modern facilities required for pursuing research in new and frontier areas of science.

(iii) S & T-based training for entrepreneurial development.

(iv) Increase in the outlay for science and technology sector in successive Five Year Plan.

(v) Manpower development training/re-training programmes through associateships/fellowships/courses.

(vi) Provisions for temporary placement of scientists and technocrats under the scheme of scientists pool.

(vii) Creation of supernumerary posts.

(viii) Invitation to distinguished men and women of Indian origin settled abroad for short term technical assignments to assist in frontier and emerging areas of S&T.

(ix) Fast Track Scheme for Young Scientists.

(x) Better Opportunities for Young Scientists in Chosen Areas of Science and Technology (BOYSCAST) fellowship to visit international laboratories and institutions.

(xi) Award of scholarship under Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahyan Yojana for talented science students.

Child Marriage Restraint Act

2578. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESORUCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women has asked the States to take cognizance of the obnoxious practice and ensure action against the violators of the Child Marriage Restraint Act;

(b) whether the NCW has also asked the States to issue instructions that no officer shall participate in or promote a fuction, where any child marriage or mass child marriage are organised;

(c) whether the Child Marriage Restraint Act is not being implemented; and

(d) if so, whether any concrete steps are being considered by Government to implement the Act seriously by the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) As per information received from the National Commission for Women (NCW) it has organised a Bal Vivah Virodhi Abhiyan in six States where child marriage is more prevalent. NCW has requested the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to issue instructions to all officers in the respective States that no one shall participate/attend or promote any function where any child marriage/mass child marraige are organised.

(c) and (d) The State Governments are invoking the provisions of Child Marriage Restraint Act to deal with the offence of child marriage. As per the statistical data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, 58 cases were registered in the country under the Child Marriage Restraint Act during the year 1999, 94 during 2000 and 63 during 2001 (upto available months).

False Universities

2579. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be please to state:

(a) Whether University Grants Commission has detected and declared some Universities in Delhi as "Fake Universities", as reported in the Indian Express on 27th June, 2002; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the types of courses run in these universities and whether the universities have issued the required certificates to the passing out students for seeking employment; and